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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/681,497  
Applicant : Stephen G. Bales  
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Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites  
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels  
Art Unit : 1732  
Docket No. : LA 001  
Customer No. 000048373

October 31, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 22, 2009, and having a period for response set to expire on December 22, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner favorably consider the attached remarks and amended claims.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amended Claim** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**A Complete "Clean Sheet" Set of Claims** is presented in Appendix A